(d) whether the Government have set up any vigilance cell to monitor the illegal running of buses;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise.]

(d) to (f). The Enforcement staff of the Delhi Administration regularly checks the illegal operation and violation of permit conditions of buses on roads and the defaulters are prosecuted in accordance with the law.

[*Translation*]

Enquiry into Fire in Jabalpur Ordnance Depot

6963. DR. LAL BAHADRU RAWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the enquiry conducted into the incident of a devastating fire that occurred in Jabalpur Ordnance Depot on March 23, 1988 has since been completed;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(c) the security arrangements made in the Ordnance Depot to avoid the recurrence of such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Court of Inquiry could not come to a definite conclusion about the exact cause of the fire. The matter was further referred to the Central Bureau of Investigation. Their investigation has ruled out any possibility of sabotage but could not pin-point anything adverse against the Depot Authorities.

(c) Various measures have been introduced for a further tightening up of the security and fire fighting arrangements.

Report of Cadre Review Committee on E.M.E. Workshops Employees

6964. SHIR RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cadre review committee constituted for the industrial and non-industrial employees of E.M.E. Workshops has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the recommendations made by the Committee;

(c) whether the Government propose to implement the recommendations of the committee;

(d) if so, the time by which these are likely to be implemented; and

(e) if not , the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e). The recommendations of the Cadre Review Committee are required to be examined by various Departments/Wings of the Government, which work is currently in hand. Details of the recommendations of the Committee cannot be disclosed at this stage.. It will not be possible at present to indicate

the time within which this matter can be finalised.

Exim Sales

6965. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of Exim sales made on the basis of stolen or fake documents, reported in the country since the introduction of exim sales scheme till February 19, 1992;

(b) the amount involved in these cases; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) to (c). The Eximscrip licences which are found to have been issued on the basis of documents subsequently found to be forged or stolen as and when intimated by the licence holder, are cancelled immediately under intimation to all concerned. The Government do not maintain any data in regard to sale of freely transferable Eximscrip licences.

[English]

Presumptive Tax System

6966. DR. VASANT NIWRUTTI PAWAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of shopkeepers and other retail traders likely to be covered under the presumptive tax system; and

(b) the additional revenue the Government expect to mobilise as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) The presumptive tax system introduced in the Finance Bill, 1992 is optional and applies to persons not assessed to tax earlier. It is estimated that the number of tax-payers under this scheme may exceed 10 lakhs.

(b) The additional revenue expected to be mobilised from this simplified procedure is estimated to be about Rs. 150 crores.

Loss of Revenue Due to Raising of Income Tax Exemption Limit

6967. DR. VASANT NIWRUTTI PAWAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of income tax payers likely to escape the income tax net as a result of raising the exemption limit from Rs. 22000/- to Rs. 28000/-; and

(b) the estimated loss of revenue to the Government as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b). As a result of raising the exemption limit from Rs. 22000/- to Rs. 28000/-, it has been roughly estimated that about 8 lakh taxpayers are likely to go out of the tax net and the loss to revenue is likely to be around Rs. 480 crores.

Training Institutes for Disabled Ex-Servicemen

6968. SHRI ANNA JOSHI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of running vocational training schools/institutions for disabled ex-servicemen at present and the number of students accommodated in each school;